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In the application of:)
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Birger E. Sorensen) Examiner: Unassigned
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Title: NITS SEPARATOR)
) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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This is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive the Notification of Missing Requirements in the above-identified patent application.

Attached hereto is a Declaration by Marina Cunningham, attorney of record in the above-identified matter, stating the facts as they are known to her.

Also attached is a copy of the docket record for March, 2001 - the docket where the non-received Notification of Missing Requirements would have been entered had it been received.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due for filing this Petition. However, if it is determined that a fee is required, please charge deposit account no. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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